Proxy War in Jammu and Kashmir

*165. SHRI SUNDER SINGH BHANDARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the ongoing proxy war in Jammu and Kashmir, losses in terms of life and property during the last six years, have been much more as compared to the losses suffered by India during the three wars put together which India had fought with Pakistan; and

(b) if so, what steps Government intend to take to bring an end to this proxy war in Jammu and Kashmir so that normalcy be restored with minimum loss of life, property and money?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI BHUVNESH CHATURVEDI): (a) Comparisons of this kind are not possible.

(b) A variety of measures are being taken to contain the violence and terrorism in the State of Jammu and Kashmir, and for restoration of peace and normalcy. These *inter alia* include sustained pressure and operations against the militants by the security forces; stepped up vigilance on the LOC/Border and in the hinterland; focussed steps to accelerate economic and development activities and creation of additional employment opportunities for the youth; special attention and efforts to strengthen the local administration, bringing it closer to the people and strengthening their confidence in it; measures to boost the confidence of the people including increased transparency, conscious efforts by the security forces to minimise the chances of loss to civilian life and property by exercising the utmost restraint, review of cases of arrested persons and release of a large number of them on a continuing basis etc.; and, effort to encourage the political forces and elements to step up their activities in the State. All these efforts have had a definite positive impact on the overall security situation and environment, and in isolating the militants and bringing them under severe pressure. Government have also consistently and strongly urged Pakistan directly and through other diplomatic channels to desist from sponsoring cross border terrorism and providing support for the same. All these efforts will continue to be pursued intensively.

Computerised Reservation-cum-Booking Offices

*166. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of the total passenger reservations computerised;

(b) the details of the computerised reservation-cum-booking offices presently working in the country and their timings, location-wise;

(c) those proposed to be opened during 1995-96 and 1996-97, location-wise and State-wise;

(d) whether it is a fact that the people of the hill district of Pauri Garhwal have represented for opening of computerised reservation-cum-booking office at Kotdwara, Uttar Pradesh;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the steps taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH KALMADI): (a) About 92%.

(b) and (c) the details of computerised reservation-cum-booking offices presently working in different parts of the country, their timings of functioning location-wise are given below:—